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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE - SUMMARY OF 58TH MEETING
12/20/76 (EVENING)

1. SUMMARY: FIFTH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BY CONSENSUS THAT UN TAKE
OVER TOWER A-2 AT DONAUPARK IN VIENNA AND THAT SYG BEGIN
TRANSFER OF UNITS THERE BY MOVING CENTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS IN 1978; IT ALSO AUTHORIZED TRANSFER
OF NARCOTICS CONTROL UNITS IN GENEVA AND INTERNATIONAL
TRADE LAW BRANCH OF OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK
IN 1979. COMMITTEE ALSO CONCLUDED ITEM ON UN PENSION SYSTEM
BY ADOPTING BELGIAN RESOLUTION PROVIDING TEMPORARY MEASURES TO
EXISTING PENSIONERS IN RESPECT OF LOSS OF PURCHASING POWER OF
THEIR PENSIONS. COMMITTEE COMMENCED CONSIDERATION OF REVISED
ESTIMATES ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. END SUMMAR

2. ITEM 99 (B) UTILIZATION OF DONAUPARK IN VIENNA.
BELGIUM (PIRSON) SAID HE WAS SYMPATHETIC TO AUSTRIAN (AND 20
OTHERS) RESOLUTION IN A/C.5/31/L.45; THE ALGERIAN/IRANIAN
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AMENDMENT (L.51) WAS ACCEPTABLE, AND HIS DELEGATION WOULD
COSPONSOR; HE THEN WITHDREW BELGIAN/FRENCH AMENDMENT (L.49).
MEXICO (CARRANCO AVILA) SAID TRANSFERRING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT (CSD) AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT
FOR CSD AND COMMISSION OF STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW) TO CARRY OUT
TASKS IF THEY DID NOT MEET IN VIENNA; DECADE FOR WOMEN CALLED FOR

ACTIVITIES FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NOT ONLY ON SOCIAL MATTERS; AND SEPARATION OF CENTER FROM ECOSOC WOULD CAUSE PROBLEM WITH DOCUMENTS AND PROGRAMS; CONCLUDED BY INTRODUCING MEXICAN AMENDMENT (L.58). NEW ZEALAND (TROTTER) URGED COMMITTEE NOT TO ACT HASTILY AND TAKE ILL-CONSIDERED DECISION WITH FAR-REACHING EFFECTS. SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR NEW ZEALAND AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF STAFFING AND FINANCING AT A THIRD UN CITY. WAS OPPOSED TO TRANSFER OF CSD AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AS WELL AS UN DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION (UNDRO) AND CONFERENCE ON COMMITTEE FOR DISARMAMENT (CCD). FRANCE (NAUDY) WOULD NOT OBJECT TO UN TAKING OVER TOWER A-2 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 1 OF SYG'S PLAN BUT HAD DIFFICULTY WITH PHASE 2 RE TRANSFERS OF CCD, UNDRO AND NARCOTICS. HIS DELEGATION WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF L.45. PORTUGAL (SANDIFER) BELIEVED CSD AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS WOULD BE STRENGTHENED RATHER THAN IMPAIRED BY MOVE; HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT TRANSFER OF CCD AND UNDRO, BUT NO OBJECTION TO TRANSFER OF NARCOTICS AND UNCITRAL; SUPPORTED ACABQ RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION UNIT FOR TRANSFER OF UNITS TO VIENNA. HUNGARY (KASSAI) NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT SYG REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE TRANSFER OF ECE. UK (STUART) SUPPORTED PLAN OF ACTION REFLECTED IN L.45, 50, AND 51, WITH ONE RESERVATION RE TRANSFER OF UNDRO. EGYPT (ABOUL GHEIT) DID NOT FAVOR TRANSFER OF CCD, BELIEVING DECISION SHOULD BE UP TO UNIT, AND PREFERRED UNDRO REMAIN IN GENEVA. IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME, CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED DELEGATES SUBMIT TEXTS OF STATEMENTS TO PRECIS WRITERS AND HAVE THEM REFLECTED IN RECORD; CHAIRMAN MSELLE OF ACABQ WARNED AGAINST PROCEDURE, WHEREUPON IT WAS WITHDRAWN. AUSTRALIA (HART) WAS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH PHASE 1, BUT BELIEVED TRANSFERS SHOULD NOT DISRUPT WORK, ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CCD AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS; WOULD HAVE LIKED SYG TO PRESENT A WIDE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES. ALGERIA SAID HIS AMENDMENT (L.51) STRENGTHENED L.45 AND GAVE GUARANTEE TO THOSE WHO WERE CONCERNED OVER TRANSFER OF CSD AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS THAT THE DECADE FOR WOMEN WOULD NOT BE IMPAIRED; ALSO APPEALED TO MEXICO TO WITHDRAW ITS AMENDMENT; TO WHICH MEXICO AGREED. AUSTRIA FULLY SUPPORTED ALGERIAN/IRANIAN AMENDMENT AND SAID IT WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN L.45, AND ADDED THAT CCD HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM TRANSFER IN PHASE 2. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIREY FROM GREECE, USYG DAVIDSON ASSURED THAT NOT ONLY SIXTH UN CONGRESS ON PREVENTION OF CRIMES AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS IN AUSTRALIA BUT ALSO UN DECADE FOR WOMEN AND WORLD CONFERENCE IN 1980 WOULD NOT BE IMPAIRED BY TRANSFERS. SWISS OBSERVER (MARCARD) SAID MOST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA HAVE BECOME OWNERS OF THEIR BUILDINGS WITH FINANCIAL AID OF HIS GOVERNMENT. WAS DISTURBED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INFORMED OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR TRANSFERS OR OF MODALITIES OF IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN, THOUGHT WISHES OF CCD

SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT; SOME PROPOSED TRANSFERS WERE NOT IN KEEPING WITH FUNCTIONAL GROUPINGS; WAS OPPOSED TO TRANSFER OF UNDRO BECAUSE OF ITS CLOSE COOPERATION IN GENEVA WITH AGENCIES DEVOTED TO HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES; AND CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT L.45 IS ACCEPTABLE TO SWISS. FIFTH COMMITTEE THEN WITHOUT OBJECTION ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS DRAFT RESOLUTION IN A/C.5/31/L.45 AS REVISED. SPEAKING AFTER VOTE, BRAZIL (VIEIRA) SAID HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED L.45 MODIFIED BY L.49, AND HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS RE TRANSFER OF UNDRO, NARCOTICS, AND CCD.

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NIGERIA (ALLISON) HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT SYG REPORT, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING CCD; FELT GA SHOULD APPROVE PHASES 1 AND 2 SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS; AND SYG SHOULD REPORT TO 32ND SESSION ON ACTIONS TAKEN. JAPAN (AKASHI) SAID HE WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED ON FIRST PART OF L.51 IF IT HAD BEEN PUT TO VOTE; THOUGHT CCD SHOULD BE CONSULTED RE TRANSFER; AND CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT ULTIMATELY IT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF SYG TO TRANSFER UNITS ON BASIS OF VIEWS ON ALL SIDES, INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE. USSR (GRODSKY) SAID TRANSFERS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN MOST ECONOMICAL WAY AND THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO UNITS FINANCED FROM EXTRA BUDGETARY SOURCES SO OFFICE SPACE COULD BE FREED TO ORGANIZATION. CANADA (LA POINTE) SUPPORTED IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 1 BUT THOUGHT COMMITTEE SHOULD RECONSIDER PHASES 2 AND 3 AT 32ND SESSION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON

RESTRUCTURING, KENYO (OKEYO) WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST
TRANSFER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS HAD THERE BEEN SEPARATE VOTE.
NEW ZEALAND AND NETHERLAND SHOULD NOT HAVE SUPPORTED RESOLUTION
HAD THERE BEEN A VOTE BECAUSE THEY HAVE RESERVATIONS AND ARE
PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER DISRUPTION OF WORK OF HUMANITARIAN
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AFFAIRS WHEN IT IS MOVED IN 1978. POLAND (MAKOWSKI)
THOUGHT WISHES OF CCD SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. PAKISTAN
(KEMAL) THOUGHT BOTH CCD AND UNCTAD SHOULD REMAIN IN GENEVA,
AND THAT TRANSFERS SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH EFFICIENT
FUNCTIONING OF UNITS INVOLVED AND WITH PRINCIPLE OF ECONOMY.
JAMAICA (MCDONOUGH) SAID TRANSFERS TO VIENNA WOULD POSE
PROBLEMS FOR SMALL STATES NOT MAINTAINING MISSIONS THERE, AND
HOPED DECADE FOR WOMEN WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN SPITE OF TRANSFER.
UPPER VOTA(BAMBA) SUPPORTED DECENTRALIZATION TOWARD
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. US (STOTTLEMYER) SUPPORTED RESOLUTION ON
UNDERSTANDING THAT IT AUTHORIZED SYG TO PROCEED WITH
IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 1 WITHOUT OBLIGATING THE TRANSFER OF
ALL UNITS MENTIONED IN HIS REPORT, ADDING THAT SYG MUST BE
GIVEN DISCRETION IN MATTER. FRANCE (NAUDY) REPEATED RESERVA-
TIONS ABOUT TRANSFER OF NARCOTICS.

3. ITEM 104- UN PENSION SYSTEM.

BELGIUM (PIRSON) INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION IN A/C.5/31/L.53
WHICH WOULD PROVIDE TEMPORARY MEASURES TO EXISTING PENSIONERS
IN RESPECT OF LOSS OF PURCHASING POWER OF THEIR PENSIONS.
USSR (GRODSKY) SAID PENSIONS ALREADY WERE UNJUSTIFIABLY
HIGH AND COULD NOT SUPPORT THE HASTY APPROACH IN BELGIAN
PROPOSAL. COMMITTEE THEN ADOPTED
RESOLUTION IN L.53 BY CONSENSUS, AND THIS ITEM WAS
CONCLUDED.

4. ITEM 92 - REVISED ESTIMATES ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE INTRODUCED ITS REPORT, RECOMMENDING
A REDUCTION OF \$1,563,300 OR 45 PERCENT, IN SYG'S REQUEST.
THE LARGEST CUT PERTAINED TO RECOMMENDATION THAT 20 OF 40 NEW
POSTS REQUESTED NOT BE APPROVED. COLOMBIA (LASCARRO) SAID
THAT IT SEEMED AS THOUGH THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH OWNED
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WERE TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE CENTER.
GREECE (STOFOROPOULOS) ASKED THAT ALL POSTS REQUIRED BY
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CENTER BE PROVIDED IN FULL AND ADDED THAT ANY REDUCTION IN

CONSERVATIVE REQUEST OF FUNDS FOR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES WOULD
RENDER THAT WORK INOPERABLE. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AFTER
MIDNIGHT.
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